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## **GOVERNOR CULVER: FEDERAL RECOVERY HELPS IN FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS AND CRIME**

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver and Lt. Governor Patty Judge announced today that the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) has awarded nearly \$5 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grants to 38 criminal justice projects statewide. The awards, as part of the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program, primarily will support personnel in drug enforcement, treatment and prevention initiatives that address priorities outlined in Iowa's Drug Control Strategy.

"As Governor, public safety is my number one priority, and thanks to these grants, Iowa communities are safer and our economy is stronger," said Governor Chet Culver. "The JAG stimulus funding will help support more than 90 jobs to keep cops on the streets, counselors in drug treatment centers and kids off of drugs."

The \$4,872,941 in JAG Recovery grants awarded by ODCP this year represents a 48 percent increase over JAG funding available for criminal justice projects in Iowa last year.

"This grant program is a prime example of a local, state and federal agency partnership leveraging resources to support important public service," Culver said. "Without JAG stimulus funds, many programs and all but a few of the positions they support may not exist today."

JAG grants in Iowa go to offender treatment and supervision programs, as well as community drug and crime prevention efforts. However, the largest share of JAG funding supports 22 multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement task forces across the State.

During SFY 2007, 22 ODCP grant-funded drug task forces netted almost 2,200 criminal convictions, responded to 363 reported meth labs, and intercepted more than 3,300 pounds of illegal drugs (valued at over \$31 million). Drug task forces are credited with contributing to 80% of State Division of Narcotics Enforcement investigations, many of which are serious enough to warrant federal prosecution. Additionally, 45 percent more Iowa offenders with addictions are referred to drug treatment in counties served by task forces than in other counties.

"The JAG program supports a balanced approach aimed at reducing both the supply of illegal drugs, and the demand for them," said Gary Kendell, Iowa's Drug Policy Coordinator and Director of the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy. "One benefit of JAG grants is they allow communities to address local needs in ways that work for them."

A complete list of Iowa communities and projects receiving JAG Recovery grants is below. For more information on ODCP or its Iowa grant programs, go to [www.iowa.gov/odcp](http://www.iowa.gov/odcp). For more information on Iowa and all federal recovery funding, visit [www.recovery.iowa.gov](http://www.recovery.iowa.gov).

<b><u>Grant Recipient</u></b>	<b><u>Title of Grant-Funded Project</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Buchanan County	Rural Area Interdiction Detail Task Force	\$76,066
Burlington	Southeast Iowa Narcotics Task Force	\$139,679
Centerville	South Central Iowa Drug Task Force	\$176,209
Cerro Gordo County	North Central Iowa Narcotics Task Force	\$183,436
Clay County	Iowa Great Lakes Task Force	\$14,000
Clinton County	Transition to Recovery	\$23,000
Council Bluffs	S.W. Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force	\$90,810
Decorah	Northeast Iowa Drug Task Force	\$15,500
Dept. of Corrections	Offender Reentry	\$200,574
Dept. of Justice	Career Criminal & Drug Prosecution Support Task Force	\$20,901
Dept. of Human Rights	STAR Program Evaluation at Mitchellville Women's Prison	\$36,296
Dept. of Public Health	Mentoring Collaborative	\$156,500
Dept. of Public Safety	Division of Narcotics Enforcement Task Force	\$311,122
DeWitt	Police-School Partnership for Drug/Crime-Free Students	\$13,537
Dubuque County	Dubuque Area Drug Task Force	\$137,022
8th Judicial District DCS	OWI Treatment (Wapello County)	\$18,160
5th Judicial District DCS	Youth Offender Program Enhanced Monitoring	\$54,664
1st Judicial District DCS	Mental Health Court (Black Hawk County)	\$148,982
Iowa City	Johnson County Multi-Agency Drug Task Force	\$123,675
Keokuk	Lee County Narcotics Task Force	\$139,727
Kirkwood Community College	Binge Drinking Reduction	\$42,814

Marshall County	Mid Iowa Drug Task Force	\$202,385
Mason City	Iowa Alliance of Coalitions for Change	\$20,560
Mason City	NIACC Student Social Norms Campaign	\$27,237
Muscatine County	Muscatine County Drug Task Force	\$102,076
Ottumwa	Southeast Iowa Inter-Agency Drug Task Force	\$206,002
Polk County	Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force	\$671,136
Scott County	Scott County Drug Task Force	\$87,018
2nd Judicial District DCS	Community Drug Court (Webster County)	\$137,932
2nd Judicial District DCS	Rural Prison Reentry (Story County)	\$197,426
2nd Judicial District DCS	Strengthening Families (Story County)	\$27,747
Sioux City	Tri-State Drug Task Force	\$218,959
6th Judicial District DCS	Dual Diagnosis Offender Reentry (Linn County)	\$58,086
State Training-Eldora	High Intensity Residential Substance Abuse Treatment	\$250,436
Story County	Central Iowa Drug Task Force	\$96,051
Washington County	Washington/Louisa Narcotics Enforcement Team	\$47,861
Waterloo	Tri-County Drug Task Force	\$349,636
Webster County	Webster County Drug Task Force	\$30,357
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 projects &amp; over 90 FTEs statewide</b>	<b>\$4,853,579</b>

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